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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Pascal Vacher

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Examiner: G. K. Graham

For: VEHICLE WINDSCREEN WIPER
COMPRISING AN ARM AND AN
ARTICULATING CONNECTOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the species election requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 23, 2009, Applicant respectfully elects the species covered by Figure 7, on which claims 3-7 and 21 read, for initial prosecution on the merits, without traverse. As suggested by the Examiner, claims 1, 2, 14, and 23 are generic to the species set forth on page 2 of the Action. Therefore, non-elected claims 8-13, 15-20, and 22 are left pending at this time.

Applicant notes that the Examiner appears to have left claim 18 out of the various species listed on the bottom of page 2 of the Action. Applicant would like to clarify that claim 18 corresponds to Figures 3 and 4, and therefore remains part of the non-elected claims. In addition, the Examiner requests clarification as to which embodiment claim 24 belongs to. Applicant

clarifies that claim 24 belongs to Figures 4 and 5, because in these figures, the rib is placed between the two support elements 60 and fills out the space between the two support elements in the transversal direction.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17102/017001).

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Respectfully submitted,

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